3. Shri Rajendra Singh—M.L.A. Bermo

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6. Representaive of Lions Club

7. Representative of Rotary Club

8. Representative of Mahila Samiti, Bokaro Steel City.

9. Representative of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Chas.

10. Representative of Bharat Refractories Limited.

11. Representative of BIADA (Bokaro Indnstrial Area Develop. ment Authority, Bokaro Steel City)

12. Secretary, Chas Agriculture Marketing Committee.

Quality of coking coal supplied to Steel Plants

2209. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quality of coking coal supplied to steel plants has deteriorated over the years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a fluctuation in the supply of even this deteriorated coking coal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CIL has not been able to meet the demand of the required quality and quantity of coking coal in view of which a large quantity of coking coal valued in thousands of rupees had to be imported;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in view of this Government would consider supply of good quality coking coal by development of Joint Sector from indigenous production; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Steel Authority of India Limited have identified a few coal bearing areas which could be exploited in Joint Sector. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Coal.

Turnover of SAIL

2210. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the turn over of the SAIL has increased from Rs. 7300 crore in 1988-89 to Rs. 11300 crore during 1992-93;

(b) if so, whether this is due to the increase in the quantum of the product or as a result of increase in the price from time to time during this period; and

(c) what is the total quantity of products of the SAIL during this period and the price charged and the total realisation made from these products year-wise and product-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. The turnover of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL (including subsidiaries) has increased from Rs. 7315 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 11320 crores during 1992-93;

(b) The increase in turnover was on account of the factors, among others higher volume of sales, better product-mix, revision of iron and steel prices inclusive of output levies like excise duty, contribution to Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund etc.

(c) It is not in the commercial interest of SAIL to give prices charged

for various products and realisation made therefrom. However, year-wise details of turnover of SAIL incluidng its subsidiaries for the last five years are given below:—

(Rs. 1 crores)

Year	Turnover
1988-89	.. 7315
1989-90	.. 8109
1990-91	.. 8916
1991-92	.. 10379
1992-93	.. 11320

Coal Chemicals business of SAIL

2211. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited's Coal Chemicals business is facing uncertain future on account of competition from other domestic suppliers as well as imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) It is true that due to liberalised import policy, the import of different chemical items is now taking place at lower prices. This, in addition to the availability from other domestic sources has made the market for most coal chemical products very competitive.

(b) and (c) The different coal chemical items being produced by SAIL Steel Plants can be categorised as follows:

(i) Bengene

(ii) Coal tar pitch.

(iii) Hot pressed naphthalen

(iv) Carbon black feedstock

(v) Ammonium Sulphate

(vi) Other Benzol & tar product covering a large number of iten with small quantity under eac nomenclature.

In the wake of heightened compe tition, particularly in respect of ben zene, coal tar pitch, hot presse Naphthalene and other benzol and ta products, various steps are being tak en by SAIL, including aggressiv marketing through improved custo mer contact and specialised service to sustain and improve market shar of these items. The control of pric ing and distribution of ammonium suphate, a nitrogenous fertilizer i with Government of India. The mar ket for this product is good an SAIL has not experienced difficultie so far in selling this product.

Ex-managing Directors of Durgapur Steel Plant Joining Private Firms

2212. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ex-Managing Directors of Durgapur Steel Plant after voluntary retirement joined those private sector firms which were having close dealings with Steel Authority of India Limited and Durgapur Steel Plant and were awarded various contracts during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of such cases during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Ministry does not have any official information in this respect.

The Conduct Discipline and Appeal Rules applicable to the employees of SAIL do not have any provision debarring employees to take up any employment after retirement from the Company.